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## **Notice of Meeting**

### **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**

August 26, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

### **Preliminary Agenda Items**

*The public and Board members will participate in the meeting via Zoom. A recording will be posted after the meeting.*

#### **Item Number**

1. Roll Call
2. Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda
3. Funding Status — Informational
4. Executive Director's Report
5. Recovery of Funds

**Consent Items**

**6. State Route 97 Wildlife Migratory Corridor Planning \$584,000  
Siskiyou County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for a cooperative project with the California Deer Association, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Ore-Cal Resource Conservation and Development Area Council, and Western Transportation Institute to complete the planning process and support the development of construction-level design plans that will be used for the construction of a wildlife overcrossing to enhance connectivity across State Route 97 in Siskiyou County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]

**7. Dicus Slough Access Easement \$0  
Butte County**

To consider the acceptance of an access and well quitclaim easement from an adjacent landowner for the purposes of enhancing management of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) lands located near Chico in Butte County.

**8. Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Fields 21 & 22 Wetland Enhancement \$614,000  
Butte County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with CDFW to enhance 148 acres of wetland habitat and 44 acres of upland grassland habitat at CDFW's Gray Lodge Wildlife Area in Butte County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

**9. Truckee River Wildlife Area West River Unit Transfer \$0  
Nevada, Placer Counties**

To consider the transfer of 41± acres of land by CDFW to Truckee Donner Land Trust to own, operate, and maintain in perpetuity for purposes of public access, public recreation, and habitat preservation, located along the Truckee River in the town of Truckee in Nevada and Placer counties.

**10. Peabody East Ranch \$183,360  
Yolo County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Yolo Habitat Conservancy for a cooperative project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to acquire a conservation easement over 101± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing agricultural and riparian lands that supports the Natural Community Conservation Plan along the Sacramento River which is critical to the sustainability of threatened or endangered species, located near West Sacramento in Yolo County. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c).]

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**12. Ervin Ranch, Expansion 1 \$140,000**

**El Dorado County**

This proposal is to consider an acquisition in fee of 40± acres of land by CDFW for the protection and preservation of riparian and woodland habitat, wildlife corridors, and to provide for potential future wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities located near Rancho Murieta in El Dorado County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a).]

**13. Hawk Hill Visitor Access Improvements \$204,077**

**Marin County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy for a cooperative project with the National Park Service to replace approximately 500 linear feet of existing dirt trail with accessible trail surfacing and 450 feet of existing asphalt with new accessible asphalt pathways. In addition, there will be 4 new benches installed and 30 linear feet of metal benches installed on the concrete seat wall in Marin County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

**14. Montezuma Slough Fish Screen Planning \$367,000**

**Solano County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with CDFW to complete planning activities for the replacement of a fish screen at the Montezuma Slough intake at CDFW's Grizzly Island Wildlife Area in Solano County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786dIWCP.]

**15. East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP (Pugh) \$41,000**

**Contra Costa County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (ECCCHC), for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and approval to subgrant these federal funds to ECCCHC and EBRPD to acquire 80± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing wildlife linkages, including annual grasslands and alkali grasslands within the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural

Community Conservation Plan area, located near the community of Byron in Contra Costa County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(c).]

**16. Upper Hess Creek Habitat Enhancement \$133,000**  
**Contra Costa County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy to enhance livestock infrastructure necessary for the proper management of wetland habitat on the 420-acre Upper Hess Creek property, acquired in 2016 by the East Bay Regional Park District for an HCP/NCCP Preserve System located three miles south of Pittsburg in Contra Costa County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

**17. Del Valle Regional Park Restroom Renovation \$300,000**  
**Alameda County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to East Bay Regional Park District for a cooperative project with California State Parks and the Department of Water Resources to replace an existing restroom with 10 unisex private stalls, add ADA accessibility, and update the electrical, water, and sewer systems at Del Valle Regional Park in Alameda County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(a).]

**18. Coyote Valley Wildlife Linkage Master Plan \$350,000**  
**Santa Clara County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority for a cooperative project with City of San Jose and Peninsula Open Space Trust to develop an ecological master plan for conserved lands in Coyote Valley in the Santa Clara Valley in the southernmost part of San Jose, located in Santa Clara County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

**19. Newman Seasonal Inland Wetland Restoration \$299,000**  
**Merced, Stanislaus Counties**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Newman for a cooperative project with CDFW to develop and implement protocols to quantify the amount of greenhouse gases sequestered by the habitat creation and enhancement portions of the Newman Community Conservation Area, consisting of three separate but related wetlands habitat restoration and creation projects, a multi-use trail system, and other amenities that will provide public access, nature viewing, and nature- and conservation-oriented education benefits to the community in Newman, in Merced and Stanislaus counties. [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.]

**20. Western Riverside MSHCP (2017) Stevenson \$84,000**  
**Riverside County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (WRCRCA) and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to WRCRCA, to acquire 20± acres of land for the protection of

threatened and endangered species, a migration corridor, and for compatible public uses, consistent with the Western Riverside Multi-Species HCP/NCCP located near Murrieta in Riverside County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

**21. Western Riverside MSHCP (2017) Stoddard \$259,000  
Riverside County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to WRCRCA and the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to WRCRCA, to acquire 57± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species, a migration corridor, and for compatible public uses, consistent with the Western Riverside Multi-Species HCP/NCCP located near Murrieta in Riverside County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(b).]

**Proposed Items**

**22. Reducing Drought Impacts in California \$6,000,000  
Various Counties**

To consider the allocation for a grant to CDFW for a project to administer a block grant to reduce the negative effects of drought on fish and wildlife passage including but not limited to fish impediment removal, voluntary drought agreements, and forbearance/land fallowing type projects, located in various counties throughout the state. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021, Chapter 21.]

**23. Lone Pine Ranch, Phase I \$4,900,000  
Mendocino, Trinity Counties**

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Wildlands Conservancy to acquire 7,344± acres of land for the protection of oak woodlands, annual grassland and open meadow areas along with a mixed conifer forest, including riparian corridors, salmonid streams, coastal watersheds and habitat linkages located near the community of Alderpoint in Mendocino and Trinity counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

**24. Upper Butte Creek Planning \$1,440,000  
Butte, Plumas, Tehama Counties**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Butte County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with USFS and Natural Resources Conservation Service to complete environmental review and plan for future restoration work that would include restoring degraded montane meadows and streams, enhancing aspen stands, improving roads to benefit sensitive environmental resources, and reducing hazardous fire fuels within a 15,800-acre planning area in Butte, Plumas, and Tehama counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]

- 25. English Meadow Restoration** **\$1,251,000**  
**Nevada, Sierra Counties**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Nevada Irrigation District to enhance forest health and improve wildfire resilience by restoring meadow and forest habitats on approximately 380 acres in Sierra and Nevada counties. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 26. Camp-Pendola Forest Restoration** **\$1,381,000**  
**Yuba County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to National Forest Foundation for a cooperative project with USFS to enhance forest health and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning and reforestation activities on approximately 550 acres in Tahoe National Forest in Yuba County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 27. Stookey Ranch Preserve** **\$740,000**  
**Mariposa County**  
To consider the allocation of a grant to the Sierra Foothill Conservancy to acquire in fee 226± acres to preserve wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, and to provide wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities near the community of Mariposa in Mariposa County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(f).]
- 28. Kingfisher Flat Hatchery, Fire Recovery** **\$494,915**  
**Santa Cruz County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project for a cooperative project with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, Monterey County Fish and Game Commission, and Reiter Family Foundation to restore fire-damaged equipment and infrastructure of the Kingfisher Flat Hatchery, located on privately-owned land 15 miles north of Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]
- 29. Carr Lake Restoration Planning** **\$776,000**  
**Monterey County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the Big Sur Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Lural Foundation to complete planning, design, and permitting necessary to restore 26 acres of riparian habitat made up of freshwater emergent wetland, freshwater forested/shrub wetland, seasonal wetland, and riparian tree grove upland and 40 acres of diverse upland grassland habitat, install artificial roost poles, nesting platforms, nest boxes, trails, bridges, and boardwalks in Salinas and Monterey counties. [Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)(1).]
- 30. Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Overpass Crossing, Augmentation** **\$20,000,000**  
**Los Angeles County**  
To consider the allocation for a grant to the National Wildlife Federation for a cooperative project with Caltrans, CDFW, the State Coastal Conservancy, the City

of Agoura Hills, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to construct a wildlife crossing over U.S. Highway 101 to facilitate wildlife migration near Agoura Hills in Los Angeles County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021, Chapter 21.]

**31. Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing Planning \$1,331,000  
Riverside County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Caltrans for a cooperative project with The Nature Conservancy for a planning project to provide designs, environmental review, and permitting for the proposed Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing across Interstate 15 in western Riverside County that will enable safe passage for wildlife between the Eastern Peninsular Range and the Santa Ana Mountains. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(e)(1).]

**32. Chollas Creek at Federal Boulevard Riparian Restoration \$2,730,000  
San Diego County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Groundworks San Diego - Chollas Creek for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Department of Water Resources, and the City of San Diego to remove a concrete channel and restore riparian habitat on Chollas Creek in the city of San Diego in San Diego County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e)(f).]

**33. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve Habitat Restoration \$1,976,000  
San Diego County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Nature Collective, for a cooperative project with San Diego County and CDFW, to restore and enhance 84 acres of riparian and wetland habitat at the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve two miles north of Solana Beach in San Diego County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80132(c).]

**34. Executive Session (Not Open to the Public)**

The Board may meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(C) to confer regarding Jacoby Creek Land Trust v. Douglas A. Shaw, et al., Humboldt County Superior Court, Case No. CV 2100568. After closed session, the Board will reconvene in public session, which may include announcements about actions taken during closed session.

**Adjourn**

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